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1. A SPARK IF RENEWED CONTROVERSY IN LIAONING PROVINCE OVER UNIVERSITY EDUCATION BEARS WATCHING AS AN INDICATION OF POLITICAL TEMPERS IN CHINA. ACCORDING TO AN APRIL 23 RADIO BROADCAST, TWO CONTENDING GROUPS OF STUDENTS HAVE PUT UP RIVAL POSTERS ARGUING OVER THE POST-GRADUATION ROLE OF STUDENTS IN THE LABOR FORCE. ONE, SEEMINGLY ARGUING AN ELITIST ROLE FOR GRADUATES, DIRECTLY LINKS ITS CLAIMS WITH PREMIER CHOU'S WORK REPORT DELIVERED AT THE JANUARY NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS (HK 0777), WHILE THE SECOND STRIKE ELITISM AND ARGUES FOR PARTICIPATION IN SOCIAL STRUGGLE AS THE CRUCIBLE FOR CREATING NEEDED LEADERSHIP.

2. A LIAONING CONTROVERSY OVER EDUCATION IN 1973 (REFAIR), FEATURED IN LAUNCHING LAST YEAR'S POLITICAL STRUGGLE, AND
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THE LINKAGE OF PREMIER CHOU WITH THE POLICIES BEING ATTACKED

AND HIS OWN HINTS AT THE NEED FOR REEXAMINING HIGHER EDUCATION
GOALS (HK 4130) HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO MAKE THIS CURRENT
ISSUE EXPLOSIVE AT THE CENTER. WE HAVE SEEN LITTLE ELSE,
HOWEVER, TO SUGGEST ANY LESSENING OF REGIME
EFFORTS TO SOFT-PEDAL INTERNAL POLITICAL STRUGGLE AND TO
PROMOTE STABILITY.
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